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Special Newsletter

During the Coronavirus Quarantine



Update about St. Mary's School staying closed:

Recently Governor Little posted his latest guideline for opening communities (see [Rebound.Idaho.Gov](https://www.rebound.idaho.gov)). Regarding schools opening though he deferred to the Idaho State Board of Education's April 16, 2020, guidelines for reopening.

We (Administrative Team with Fr. Joe) have reviewed the guidelines. We reviewed our local Moscow guidelines established by Mayor Lambert and Moscow City Council and Dr. Beller was in communication with the District 2 Health Department.

- Based on the soft closure re-entry criteria:
- No children in schools until at least May 4th, perhaps longer,
- The requirement of a minimum six-foot social distancing through the middle of June,
- Development of a plan for vulnerable staff and students with a special emphasis on people over age 60 and those who are medically vulnerable,

We at St. Mary's Parish School will be in compliance with the directives and continue our soft closure until the end of the current school year.

Questions? Please contact me at 208-310-5000 or at jbeller@stmarysmoscow.com Thank you and blessings!

Following is a wonderful opportunity for ALL students present and future!!!!

IDAHO GIVES: Every year, people across our state have come together for Idaho nonprofits. It is a time to celebrate the awesome work of Idaho's nonprofits and benefit from the power of many. Due to the pandemic the time for giving has been expanded from April 23 through May 7th.

Please consider giving to our own local non-profit---St. Mary's School Foundation. EACH student benefits greatly from this Foundation.

St. Mary's School Foundation was established in 1982 to support the students' education by providing monies to the school's yearly budget (5% of the interest earned from its Endowment). Monies are used to provide scholarships, as well as equipment and programs to enhance the educational experience of every student from Preschool through 8th Grade. Monies donated are put in the Endowment's corpus and *only the interest earned* is used to promote the mission of keeping Catholic education affordable.

To Give: <https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/st-mary-s-school-foundation-endowment-fund>

And please let your family and friends know about this too! The ones who will benefit will be the students!

NO donation is too small!

GREAT news from Fr. Joe:**Cause for Joy! Masses restored starting May 2nd!**

In accordance with Gov. Little's announcement about the four-stage reopening of our state, the Bishop has restored all public Masses beginning the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Restoration of all public liturgies *must follow all CDC and State of Idaho social distancing guidelines*. In order to accommodate parishioners during the weekend there may have to be *some changes in the Mass and confession schedules*. Details regarding Mass schedule and the measures that we will have in place to ensure that we follow all the guidelines appropriately will be coming out this week. Daily Masses will resume on May 4, 2020.

P.S. To receive news from the Parish each week you can sign up via *Flocknote*. If you haven't done so yet and would like to receive the weekly bulletins plus other key information from the parish, all you have to do is write Pam Freeman at mail@flocknote.com and ask to be put on the list.



To the following students/staff who have "aged" another year or will be aging in the month of May.....We keep each of you in prayer! Blessings.....

April:	22	Jennifer Beller
	24	Sarah Niehenke
May:	6	Anna Linskey
	8	Gabriel Helbling
12		Olivia Al-Khatib Rice
	13	Sandy Izzo
	15	Maxwell Flanders
	20	Sammy Palmer
		Erin Fitt
		Lisa Rice
		Sister Margaret Johnson
	22	Carson Shaughnessy
	28	Danette Swam
	31	Katelyn Swam
		Adrienne Olanie

This past week **Denise Blevins** died suddenly at home. She and her husband Barry have been great supporters of the school in so many ways. Their daughter, Aubrie, is an alum of our school. Our heart goes out to Barry and Aubrie. Thank you for keeping them in your good prayers.



Jennifer Morrison created this beautiful bulletin board for Easter. It has been put in the front window of the Family Center, so if you are out for a walk, swing by and take a look from the sidewalk.

Note about school's library books: you can return them any time between now and **May 19th**. Books may be dropped in the *drop off box* on the outside or the school office.

Attached FYI Latest on Coronavirus from WebMD